

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of

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Serial No: 10/042,236

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For : MEDICAL BILLING SYSTEM TO  
PREVENT FRAUD

Group Art Unit: 3626

Examiner: A. KALINOWSKI

AMENDMENT B

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on August 6, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as shown in the marked-up copy of the claims as originally filed. We also are enclosing a clean copy of these claims. It is noted that claims 1 and 13 are amended, claims 3 and 6 are cancelled, and new claims 22 and 23 are added by amendment.

Remarks

The Office Action of August 6, 2002 and the references cited therein have now been carefully studied. Reconsideration and allowance of these claims are earnestly solicited.

Initially, the undersigned would like to thank Examiner Kalinowski for graciously conducting an interview on October 24, 2002. The present invention, several references of record as well as a new set of proposed claims were discussed during the course of this interview, as will be described hereinbelow.

The present invention is directed to a system and method for automatically reviewing medical treatment claims provided by a plurality of practitioners to a plurality of

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